

Slippery Rock Borough Council

Slippery Rock Borough Office, 306 E. Water Street, Slippery Rock, PA 16057-1170
Borough Workshop Meeting for **Tuesday November 2, 2021**, from 7:00 pm to 8:20 pm

President Russ Karl called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Longo led the Council members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shawn Pugh Performed the Roll Call. Those Present: Russ Karl, Ron Steele, Gene Allison, Jeff Campbell, Lauren Christmann, Royce Lorentz, Denton Zeronas, Mayor Jondavid Longo, Solicitor Rebecca Black, Borough Manager Shawn Pugh

Citizen Input for Agenda Items Only:

Regina Greenwald addressed Council on behalf of Slippery Rock Development. She asked that Council acknowledge that Slippery Rock Development has had a good working relationship with the Borough, and she hopes the consideration of the bid for the corner lot will continue that relationship.

Reports:

Ron Steele reported that the weeds and bushes that obstructed the corner of Grange and Midway Alley have been removed.

Borough Updates:

Shawn Pugh updated Council on the status of the 2020 audit. The Borough received a draft and is awaiting the final copy.

Discussion Items:

Open Garbage Bids: There were two bids received for the Slippery Rock Borough's garbage contract. The sealed bids were opened at the meeting. The bids were as follows.

Serafine Hauling

A bid bond was present. The bid is for each residence for each month. For the 96 -gallon container that is provided by the contractor the cost for the year 2022 is \$22.50, for 2023 the price is \$23.30. for 2024, the price is \$24.10, for 2025, the price is \$24.90 and for 2026, the price is \$25.70. The bid for the 32-gallon container is \$20.50 for 2022, \$21.10 for 2023, \$21.70 for 2024, \$22.30 for 2025 and \$22.90 for 2026. There is also a billing management charge for the years 2022-2026. It is per quarter, per year and the price is \$7,350.00.

Tri-County Industries

A bid bond was present. The bid is for each residence for each month. For the 96-gallon container that is provided by the contractor the cost is \$28.00 for the years 2022-2026. For the 32-gallon container, the cost is \$26.00 for the 2022-2026 years. The billing management charge for years 2022-2026 is \$3.25 per resident per quarter per year.

After the bids were opened and read aloud by the solicitor, Ron Steele made the motion to award the garbage contract at next week's meeting by way of vote pending the solicitor's review of each bid. Royce Lorentz provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Vacant Lot Bid:

There was a bid submitted by Slippery Rock Development for the Vacant Lot. The sealed bid was opened and read aloud by Shawn Pugh at the meeting. The bid was for \$75,000 for the .3-acre lot. Royce Lorentz made the motion to move a decision pertaining to the Vacant Lot to next week's agenda pending Solicitor Black's review. Gene Allison provided the second. The motion passed unanimously.

Closing of Cooper Street Request: (See Attached)

There was a discussion regarding the request from Dr. May Jo Ross to close Cooper Street between Main Street and School Drive from 2:00 pm to 11:00 pm on December 3-5, 10-12, and 17-19, 2021. Some Members of Council believed the request to be too vague. Shawn Pugh contacted Dr. Ross on the telephone and Council was able to speak with her regarding their concerns. Russ Karl, Gene Allison, and Jeff Campbell did not want to grant the request for the 3-week period due to inadequate information provided and the short time to put the event together. There was a concern regarding traffic, the sell and consumption of alcohol on the street and the security or police presence that would be needed. Dr. Ross explained that her non-profit organization, responsible for bringing the tree to Slippery Rock incurred expenses from that move and the funds raised will help offset that cost. She is the Event Production class professor at the University and will be using this event as experience for her classroom. She does not have an idea of the number of vendors that would be present as she is waiting on approval of her request before moving forward. Gene Allison asked if she had contacted residents and business owners to let them know of her plans. She stated that she had not but that she would do that. Council discussed approving the first date requested to see how the event turned out and could be revisited next year. Council also discussed charging a permit fee to offset the cost of closing the road and extra police presence. Gene Allison made the motion to move the decision on closing Cooper Street to next week's agenda for vote. Jeff Campbell provided the second. The motion passed unanimously. Shawn Pugh will take Council's concerns to Dr. Ross and report the answers to Council before the next meeting.

Resolution #450 Police Pension Contributions: (See Attached)

There was a discussion regarding passing Resolution #450 Police Pension Contributions. The resolution needs to be passed yearly. It will remain at zero percent. Approval of the resolution has been moved to next week's agenda for vote.

2022 Meeting Dates: (See Attached)

The meeting dates for 2022 have been scheduled for the first two Tuesdays of every month. The first Monday of every even numbered year is set aside for a Reorganization Meeting. The meeting in 2022 will be advertised for Monday, January 3rd. Council will hold the Workshop meeting on that night as well. Advertising and approval of the 2022 meeting dates will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Figurelli Proposal: (See Attached)

The proposal is requesting that Council extend the November 1st deadline to accept bids for the Vacant Lot on the corner of Main Street and New Castle Streets. Solicitor Black will review the bid placed by Slippery Rock Development to assure that it meets fair market value of the appraisal price. Gene Allison and Royce Lorentz requested that Council advertise more extensively. A motion regarding the vacant lot will be moved to next week's agenda for vote.

Citizen Input:

Regina Greenwald spoke on behalf of Sonja Lentz. Sonja would like to place a bin for scarves, hats, and gloves in town for those who may need those items. Russ Karl asked that Sonja submit the request in writing.

Regina Greenwald reminded everyone that "Light the Rock Night" will be on November 20th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will be tree decorating, vendors and a visit from Santa Claus. The mayor will be officially lighting the Centerville Tree as well as the tree in Memorial Park.

Rebecca Lubold addressed Council urging them to consider providing an incentive to use less garbage or considering using garbage tags in the next contract. She also asked Council to keep the Vacant Lot a community space and to strongly consider the bid submitted by Slippery Rock Development.

Council Person's Remarks: None

Adjournment:

With nothing more on the agenda to discuss, Russ Karl asked for a motion to adjourn. Gene Allison made the motion and Lauren Christmann provided the second. The motion passed unanimously at 8:20 pm.